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SUBJECT: FROM THE GROUND UP – A CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON THE BARBARA MORSE WACKFORD AQUATIC AND COMMUNITY COMPLEX

Elk Grove, CA – As a massive crane hoisted concrete walls into place on Friday, Elk Grove residents got their first good glimpse at the progress being made at the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatics and Community Complex located inside Laguna Community Park at Big Horn Boulevard and Bruceville Road.

Since the groundbreaking last March, construction crews have set footings and developed an elaborate below ground infrastructure for the 9-acre complex. Large holes that will eventually become the complex's recreation and competition pools have been dug and a network of underground electrical connections have been established. The pad for the 12,000 square foot gymnasium was poured in June and the hefty concrete gym walls – weighing between 20 – 50 tons each -- were constructed on site over the last two weeks and installed on Friday.

“Late rains put the project behind schedule,” explained Dan Kunz, CSD Building Maintenance Coordinator. “We are working hard to try and gain ground over the summer months.”

Steel framing will be installed over the coming weeks to reveal the “bones” of the new building. Roofing on the gymnasium will be added and additional concrete exterior walls will be built and erected on site. Roughly thirty subcontractors will be involved in the construction of the complex before it's finished. The project is being managed by the Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) and Rudolph and Sletton, Inc. The complex was designed by Glass Architects of Santa Rosa.

Named in honor of former CSD Parks Administrator, Barbara Morse Wackford, the complex is the largest capital improvement project ever undertaken by the Elk Grove Community Services District. Total cost is expected to be \$17.5 million. Funding for the project is covered through a combination of sources including in-lieu fees, capital improvement reserves, general fund reserves, developer fees, and debt service. Funding partners for the project include Home Field Advantage and the Elk Grove Unified School District.

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“The community has waited a long time for a facility like the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatics and Community Complex. It is exciting for all of us to see it finally coming to life,” says CSD General Manager, Rita Velasquez. “As more of the building construction becomes visible from the street, we want to update residents on the work going on there, what lies ahead, and let them share in the excitement that the Board and staff already feel about the future opening of this great new facility.”

Development of Laguna Community Park and the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatic and Community Complex has been in the works for the past 14 years. In addition to the pools and gymnasium previously mentioned, the complex is expected to include classrooms, a snack bar, a separate family changing room, locker rooms, a teen center, a water slide, a caterer’s kitchen, a skate park, parking lot, and on-site storage facilities.

The complex is scheduled to open Summer 2004.

Photos Attached: Walls were raised Friday on Elk Grove’s newest recreation facility, the Barbara Morse Wackford Aquatics and Community Complex. The complex is scheduled to open Summer 2004. Photos taken by Kristyn Staby, Elk Grove Community Services District.

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